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I have the honour to enclose herewith a statement on the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan over Nagorny Karabakh made by the Official Spokesman of the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India on 7 September 1993.

I would be grateful if you would provide for the distribution of this letter and its annexure as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement dated 7 September 1993 by the Official Spokesman of the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India, on the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan over Nagorny Karabakh

My Government has followed with great concern the escalation of hostilities in and around Nagorny Karabakh with the considerable ingress of Armenian forces into Azerbaijan. While expressing support for the efforts of the Security Council of the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) to bring about a peaceful settlement of the Nagorny Karabakh issue, India recalls the Alma Ata Declaration of December 1991 (S/23329, annex II), signed by the Heads of State of the Republics of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), including both Armenia and Azerbaijan, which, inter alia, called for "abstention from the use of force and the threat of force and from economic and any other methods of bringing pressure to bear, peaceful settlement of disputes" and "respecting each other's territorial integrity and the inviolability of existing borders". My Government appeals to the parties concerned urgently to take the remedial steps required to respect international borders, to restore peace and to resolve mutual differences through early peaceful negotiations.